

### November 1, 2005

**ADVICE 132-G** (U 338-E)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA **ENERGY DIVISION** 

**SUBJECT:** Implementation of SCE's Winter Initiative Programs in

Compliance with Decision No. 05-10-044

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits for filing the following revised tariff sheets and related forms which are listed on Attachment A and are attached hereto.

### **PURPOSE**

In compliance with Ordering Paragraphs 1 and 6 of Decision No. (D.) 05-10-044, this advice filing revises Schedule G-1-CARE, Santa Catalina Island California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) - Domestic Service, to increase qualifying income guidelines for CARE customers. This change in qualifying income levels is being implemented to address the impact of high bills this winter due to the increased cost of natural gas, but will remain in effect until modified by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission).1

### BACKGROUND

Advice 130-G was filed and approved by the Commission and pursuant to D.04-12-018, SCE established Schedule G-1-CARE which provides Santa Catalina Island (Catalina) low-income domestic gas customers with CARE discounts. Catalina customers who qualify for the CARE program for electric service are enrolled automatically for the CARE program for gas service. In accordance with Conclusion of Law No. 9 of D.04-12-018, low-income customers on Catalina will receive a 20 percent discount in gas service rates under Schedule G-1-CARE.

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 $<sup>\</sup>frac{1}{2}$  The winter season associated with D.05-10-044 is identified as November 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006.

On September 13, 2005, the Commission issued a Notice of an October 6, 2005 en banc hearing in Los Angeles (Notice), which directed the energy utilities under the Commission's jurisdiction to present proposals for various emergency program changes to reduce bill impacts of high natural gas prices on low income customers during the coming winter months. SCE filed its proposals on September 28, 2005, outlining SCE's Proposed Cost Mitigation Concepts for the 2005-2006 Winter Heating Season. Subsequent modifications to SCE's proposals were submitted consistent with ALJ Weissman's October 7, 2005 ruling, culminating in a Workshop on the various utilities' proposals on October 20, 2005. On October 27, 2005, the Commission issued D.05-10-044 approving, as modified, the various proposed emergency program changes.

Consistent with D.05-10-044, SCE provides the expansion of the CARE qualifying income guidelines from 175 percent to 200 percent of poverty guidelines within Schedule G-1-CARE. SCE has also expanded the CARE qualifying income guidelines on electric Forms 14-782 (Single Family Dwelling with SCE Meter) and 14-782-1 (Recertification), through the electric advice letter (1928-E) filed in conjunction with D.05-10-044.<sup>2</sup>

In addition, D.05-10-044 provides that during the winter months the utilities are prohibited from shutting off service to residential gas customers, where residential gas customers continue to make minimum bill payments and are enrolled in either a levelized payment plan or a plan to repay all past due amounts within 9 months of the end of the winter period. Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 16, SCE will not disconnect service during the winter months to residential gas customers who pay at least 50 percent of the outstanding balance of their current month's bill. At the end of the winter months, 9 month payment arrangements can be made for the unpaid balances as specified in the Decision.

Finally, pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 16 of D.05-10-044, SCE will waive any reconnection fee and deposits for CARE gas customers during the winter months.

No cost information is required for this advice filing.

This advice filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

In accordance with Ordering Paragraphs 6 and 18 of D.05-10-044, this advice filing will become effective the date filed, November 1, 2005, subject to review.

<sup>2</sup> These forms serve as the joint application for both the electric and gas CARE program, as well as the electric-only FERA program.

### **NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Decision, the protest period for this advice filing has been shortened. Anyone wishing to protest this advice filing may do so by letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically, any of which must be received no later than five working days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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CPUC, Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, California 94102

E-mail: jir@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent by letter and transmitted via facsimile or electronically to the attention of:

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There are no restrictions on who may file a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order No. 96-A, SCE is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-A service list and R.04-01-006 *et al.* Address change requests to the GO 96-A service list should be directed by electronic mail to <a href="mailto:AdviceTariffManager@sce.com">AdviceTariffManager@sce.com</a> or at (626) 302-2930. For changes to all other service lists, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or by electronic mail at <a href="mailto:Process\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov">Process\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov</a>.

Further, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the advice filing at SCE's corporate headquarters. To view other SCE advice letters filed with the Commission, log on to SCE's web site at <a href="http://www.sce.com/AboutSCE/Regulatory/adviceletters">http://www.sce.com/AboutSCE/Regulatory/adviceletters</a>.

For questions, please contact Darrah Morgan at (626) 302-2086 or by electronic mail at Darrah.Morgan@sce.com

**Southern California Edison Company** 

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### CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)		
Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E)		
Utility type:	Contact Person: James Yee	
☑ ELC □ GAS	Phone #: (626) 302-2509	
□ PLC □ HEAT □ WATER	PLC □ HEAT □ WATER E-mail: James.Yee@sce.com	
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)		
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 132-G		
Subject of AL: Implementation of Decision No. 05-10		tive Programs in Compliance with
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing	g): Compliance,	CARE
AL filing type: □ Monthly □ Quarte	rly □ Annual ☑ Or	ne-Time 🗆 Other
If AL filed in compliance with a Com	nmission order, indi	cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:
	D.05-10-0	)44
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:		
Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL1:		
Resolution Required? □ Yes ☑ No		
Requested effective date: 11/01/05 No. of tariff sheets: 2		
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%):		
Estimated system average rate effect (%):		
When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).		
Tariff schedules affected: Schedule G-1-CARE, Table of Contents		
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> :		
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny $1$}}$  Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

### Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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Public Utilities Commiss	sion 132-G	Attachment A
Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 801-G	Schedule G-1-CARE	Original 773-G
Revised 802-G	Table of Contents	Revised 790-G

Revised Cal. PUC Sheet No. 801-G Cancelling Original Cal. PUC Sheet No. 773-G

# Schedule G-1-CARE SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) DOMESTIC SERVICE

### APPLICABILITY

Applicable to domestic service to CARE households residing in a permanent single-family accommodation where a customer meets all the Special Conditions of this Schedule. Customers who receive gas service under Schedule G-1 are eligible for this Schedule.

### **TERRITORY**

The City of Avalon, Santa Catalina Island.

### **RATES**

The bill as determined under Schedule G-1 which would otherwise be applicable, minus the CARE surcharge, less a 20% discount excluding the PUCRF.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. CARE Customers are exempt from a CARE Surcharge of \$0.02322/Therm for Baseline and Non-Baseline Service. The 20% discount applies to the Customer Charge and GCAC and base rate (excluding the CARE surcharge portion) charges only. The total Schedule G-1-CARE bill is thus equal to the Schedule G-1 bill, minus CARE surcharge, minus the 20% discount.
- 2. CARE Household: A CARE Household is a household where the total gross income from all sources is less than shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total gross income shall include income from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable. Persons who are claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return (T) are not eligible.

No. of Persons In Household	Total Gross <u>Annual Income</u>	
1-2 3 4 5 6	\$27,700 32,500 39,200 45,900 52,600	(I) (1)

For Households with more than six persons, add \$6,700 annually for each additional person (I) residing in the household.

- 3. Application and Eligibility Declaration: An application and eligibility declaration on a form authorized by the Commission is required for each request for service under this Schedule unless the Customer has completed an electric service application for CARE. If a customer qualifies for CARE as an electric service customer they are also eligible for Schedule G-1-CARE. Renewal of a customer's eligibility declaration will be required every two years and may be required on an annual basis. Customers are only eligible to receive service under this rate at one residential location at any one time and the rate applies only to a customer's permanent primary residence. This Schedule is not applicable where, in the opinion of SCE, either the accommodation or occupancy is transient.
- 4. Commencement of Rate: Eligible customer shall be billed on this Schedule commencing no later than one billing period after receipt and approval of the customer's application by SCE.
- Verification: Information provided by the applicant is subject to verification by SCE. Refusal
  or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to SCE, upon
  request by SCE, shall result in removal from this Schedule.
- 6. Notice From Customer: It is the customer's responsibility to notify SCE if there is a change in his eligibility status.
- 7. Rebilling: Customers may be rebilled for periods of ineligibility under the applicable rate schedule.

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Revised Cal. PUC Sheet No. 802-G Cancelling Revised Cal. PUC Sheet No. 790-G

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